

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application, including those identified in the International Search

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Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AJ to AM were all identified in the International Search Report. All of these references are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is necessary. The relevance of references AJ, AN-AO, and AQ-AW was adequately addressed in the specification. Reference AP is a German Patent and discusses background information in the field. An English abstract of this reference has been provided, and a translation of the full patent will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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